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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

Subject: Production program for ORE

Reference: Draft memorandum for the Assistant Director for Reports
and Estimates submitted by ICAPS to the Director for
signature.

1. The Office of Reports and Estimates cannot concur in the Reference. It considers the production program for ORE contained therein to be unrealistic and impracticable insofar as it fails to take into account the man-hours and facilities required to carry out the program at the rate of production indicated and the manpower and facilities actually available to ORE.

2. This Office has discussed the subject with ICAPS in a spirit of collaboration, but with a realistic appreciation of the means available to it, as briefly set forth in Tab "a". It feels that it is contrary to the best interest of C.I.G. to lay down a program which is, on its face, impossible of fulfillment. It has proposed to ICAPS an alternative which, while providing to meet the needs indicated by ICAPS to the maximum extent now practicable, is also flexible enough to permit acceleration and expansion of the program in keeping with any increase in the means available. In paragraph 2 B (2) of the Reference, however, ICAPS insists upon its original, unrealistic production schedule. In paragraph 2 C, concerning basic intelligence, ICAPS introduces a novel concept never considered in its discussions with ORE and diametrically opposed to the principles

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which ORE has understood were to govern the production of such intelligence. Even eventual compliance therewith would require that the recently approved T/O for ORE be quadrupled, since it implies that ORE is to undertake all the basic intelligence research now being accomplished in the State, War, Navy and other Departments.

3. The Office of Reports and Estimates recommends that the Reference be not approved, and that in lieu thereof the Director approve the substitute attached as Tab "b".

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